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WEATHER FORECAST
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September 27, 1916, Temperature 6 a.m. 79 2 p.m. 80
Humidity 82 88

September 27, 9:15, Temperature 6 a.m. 69 2 p.m. 79
Humidity 68 56

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TELEGRAMS. CONDENSED.

THERE HAVE BEEN FORTY-SEVEN AERIAL FIGHTS ON THE SOMME FRONT. FRENCH AIRMEN BOMBED IMPORTANT POINTS BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES. SEVERAL MORE GERMAN AKROPLANES HAVE BEEN DOWNED AND DISABLED. NUMEROUS BRITISH AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY ARE ANNOUNCED. THE GERMANS OFFICIALLY ADMIT ALLIED SUCCESSES ON THE SOMME. M. VENIZELOS HAS ARRIVED AT SUDA, IN CRETE AND LANDS TO-MORROW. M. VENIZELOS SAYS THE MOVEMENT HE IS LEADING IS PURELY NATIONAL.

[All telegrams appearing in large type are the latest, having been received during the course of the day. Those in small type have come through over-night.]

FOR VALOUR.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

September 26, 3.15 p.m. The Gazette announces that twelve Victoria Crosses, thirty-six Distinguished Service Orders and many Military Crosses have been awarded. Amongst those who have received the Victoria Cross are:—

Army Chaplain the Rev. William Addison, for rescuing a wounded soldier, under heavy fire. Temporary Captain Eric Norman Bell, Iainiskilling Fusiliers. Captain Bell shot a machine gunner who was holding up our front line. He advanced alone on three occasions when our bomb-throwers were unable to advance, and bombed the enemy. When he had no more bombs, he stood on the parapet and used rifle fire with the greatest coolness and most effectiveness; he finally killed the gunner. In rallying and re-organising (fearless) infantry parties he gave his life in supreme devotion to duty.

A splendid achievement was that of a flying officer named Albert Bill, who has already been awarded the Military Cross and has now been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and a bar thereto. On several occasions he attacked a number of enemy machines bringing down nine altogether. Once he dived amongst twelve enemy aeroplanes and fired a drum into the rearest, which went down out of control. On several other hostile machines approaching, he fired and drove down another, and then returned with his machine greatly damaged.

The Distinguished Service Orders include Captain Frederic Selous, the famous game-hunter.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

Forty-Seven Aerial Fights on the Somme.

September 26, 5.25 p.m.

A Paris communiqué says:—There were forty-seven aerial fights on the Somme. Five enemy aeroplanes were brought down and three, badly damaged, were compelled to alight. Another fell disabled. An enemy three-seater was brought down at Woerw.

Our air squadrons bombed many important points behind the enemy lines, including the railway station at Metzablons, the Metz-Thionville railway, and blast furnaces at Dillingen and Bousbec; also an aerodrome at Hervilly.

Germans Admit Allied Successes.

September 26, 9.40 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that striking passage in the latest German official announcement testify to the effectiveness of the Anglo-French operations on the Somme. One of these is as follows:—"The successes which our enemies have achieved east of Eaucourt l'Abbaye, and through the occupation of villages in line with Guéudebourg and Bouchavesne, are admitted. Above all, however, we must remember our heroic troops, who are here faced with the combined Anglo-French main forces and a great mass of material prepared during many months by the war industry of the entire world."

IN THE BALKANS.

A National Movement.

September 27, 1.15 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens says M. Venizelos has arrived at Suda, in Crete, and will land to-morrow.

In the course of a statement, he said the movement which he and M. Coundouriotis are leading is purely national. They had exhausted all legal means to secure national action, and if Athens moved in the right direction the Venizelists would assist in every possible way.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 8 or on Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

STEAMERS SUNK.

September 25, 2.30 p.m.

The British steamers Pearl and Dresden have been sunk.

SCARCITY OF FACTORY GIRLS.

September 25, 2.30 p.m.

Much machinery in the Manchester cotton mills is idle owing to the scarcity of female labour.

Hundreds of young women are leaving the factories to become tram conductors in the city.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

A Small Enemy Attack.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

September 25, 3.40 p.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports that a small enemy attack east of Courclette was repulsed.

Violent Artillery Activity.

September 25, 3.40 p.m.

A Paris communiqué states:—There has been violent artillery activity on the Somme. German attacks on Vaux wood were easily repulsed.

Enemy Trenches Raided.

September 25, 4.15 p.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We exploded mines last evening north of Neuve-Chapelle and north of Hulluch, considerably damaging the enemy's works.

We raided the enemy's trenches at several points north of the battle front.

Splendid French Successes.

September 26, 2.15 a.m.

A Paris communiqué states:—North of the Somme the violent battle was renewed to-day on the Anglo-French front.

French infantry at noon simultaneously attacked German positions between Combles and Rancourt, and the defences the enemy has accumulated between Rancourt and the Somme.

The French carried the fortified ground between Fregicourt hamlet and conquered all the fortified ground between Fregicourt and Hill 148, captured the village of Rancourt, extended their positions east of the Bethune road on a depth of over a kilometre from the Combles road to Bouchavesne, stormed a hill north-east of Bouchavesne, reached Hill 130, and captured further south several systems of trenches in the vicinity of the northern canal between the Bethune road and the Somme.

The unwounded prisoners so far captured exceed 300.

Combles in Danger.

September 26, 2.15 a.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—South of the Aire we attacked to-day and were everywhere successful. We stormed enemy dispositions on a front of six miles between Combles and Martinpuich, to a depth of over a mile, and captured the fortified villages of Morval and Les Boeufs, together with several lines of trenches.

Morval stands on the heights north of Combles, and with its subterranean quarries, trenches and entanglements constituted a formidable fortress. The possession of these two villages is of considerable military importance. It practically severs the enemy communications with Combles. A large number of prisoners, machine guns and war material have been taken, and heavy losses inflicted on the enemy. Our losses were comparatively small.

Six enemy aeroplanes were destroyed in air fights yesterday, and three others were driven down damaged. Three of our machines are missing.

A Magnificent Drive.

September 26, 6.10 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amiens states that the fresh British advance of the 25th inst. completes the success of the 15th inst. Advantage was taken of the recent fine weather to consolidate the conquered ground and prepare for an attack on a broad front. The British made their effort north of Flers and south of Ginchy, while the French directly attacked Fregicourt and Rancourt. After two days artillery preparation the British infantry at 12.30 yesterday leapt out, supported by a magnificent bombardment. They captured the first German lines in one rush, and began to climb the slopes of Hill 130, in front of Flers. Severe fighting all the afternoon brought them to the outskirts of the village of Goudecourt.

The results on the right wing were even more decisive. After capturing a whole series of trenches at Hill 130, to the left of Les Boeufs, the British developed their success with rare vigour, and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon entered the village, which they occupied entirely. The spirit of the troops in capturing the village is beyond praise.

The British front at Ginchy was confronted with the task of storming "Old Telegraph" Hill, where the Germans were very strongly entrenched and commanded an excellent field of fire. They were thus able to hamper the movements of the British in the adjacent villages. It was most difficult to leave the trenches facing the hill, but the British attacked with such fire that the Germans were hustled and compelled to bolt from the trenches after heavy loss. The pursuit immediately began, and fighting reached the outskirts of Morval, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The strongest part of the village was captured at 4 o'clock, also a part west of the Fregicourt-Les Boeufs road. It was then evident that the whole of Morval would speedily fall.

The British took numerous prisoners.

The airmen were active, patrolling and fighting throughout the battle.

CANADIAN WAR LOAN SUCCESS.

September 25, 2.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that the second Canadian War Loan of \$100,000,000 has been oversubscribed by eighty millions.

There were 30,000 subscribers, distributed throughout the Dominion.

No subscriptions were allotted to the banks, which subscribed fifty millions.

TELEGRAMS.

IN THE BALKANS.

Allied Co-operation.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

Greece and Germany.

September 25, 8.00 p.m.

Reuter's Agency states that the British authorities regard the Greek notes to Germany as intended to gain time and to favourably impress the Balkans.

M. Venizelos' Visit.

September 25, 8.00 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that M. Venizelos left this morning for Constantinople. He is accompanied by General Coudouriotis and some senior officers. He is probably bound for Crete and Greece on his way to Salonic and Salonic.

The situation is very serious.

Important Russian Success.

September 25, 11.50 p.m.

A Petrograd message states that Odessa reports an important Russian success in Dobruja. Two thousand prisoners were taken.

Greek Chief of Staff Resigns.

September 26, 1.40 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that General Moschopoulos, Chief of the General Staff, has resigned.

A Difficult Campaign.

September 26, 1.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris reports that a Salonic message compares the enormous work necessary behind the Balkan lines with the comparatively easy work on the western front. One single line of railway alone is available, and in some parts only mule team transport can be used.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonic states that the Allies began a vigorous offensive in the neighbourhood of Florina on Sunday, which has continued all day, with most satisfactory results.

The Russians captured an important hill.

The French occupied a village.

The Serbs crossed the frontier north of Krusograd but are encountering fierce opposition at Verbeni.

MINES AND MINERALS.

September 25, 2.30 p.m.

A memorial has been signed by the Presidents of the Institutes of iron, steel and metals, mining engineers, and others in the mining and metallurgy field, urging the immediate establishment of an Imperial Department of Mines and Minerals.

THE EGYPTIAN CAMPAIGN.

September 26, 2.45 p.m.

A despatch from General Murray, dated June 1st, dealing with the operations of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force from the date on which he assumed command to 31st May, makes a large number of recommendations, including the following of the Indian Army:—Lieut.-Col. C. N. Mac Mullen, Major M. H. Henderson, Captain H. C. Ward, Lieut. C. O. Harvey.

TURKISH GARRISON SURRENDERS.

September 25, 6.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that the Sherif at Mecca reports that the Turkish garrison at Taif has surrendered.

Fifty officers and 1,800 men, ten guns and large military stores have been captured.

NEEDLESS EXPENDITURE CONDEMNED.

September 25, 8.00 p.m.

The London Appeal Tribunal has granted a short exemption to the manager of a firm of decorators which has contracted to decorate an Indian Prince's palace at a cost of £20,000; but the Tribunal deprecated such expenditure at the present time.

A VALUABLE ITALIAN SUCCESS.

September 26, 1.30 a.m.

An Italian semi-official message emphasises the importance of the capture of Gardinal, which is one of the principal peaks attainable beyond the rough precipitous ridge between the Avisio Trignolo and Vanoi Cimon valleys. The value of the gradual occupation of this massive outwork depends on the fact that it commands the Dolomite road, which Austria built to connect the Trentino with Cadore. The Austrians obviously attach great importance to this region, as they concentrated large bodies of their best troops to oppose the Italian advance. Nevertheless less the Italians are advancing.

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TELEGRAMS. EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE EAST INDIES REVOLT.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE LATE MR. LAMPARD.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]
London, Received September 27.
The death is announced of the Earl of Ewer.

[The deceased Earl was the seventh of his line, and was 50 years old. He served with the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa.]

RETURNING TO HONGKONG.

Old Queen's College Boy's Mission.

Mr. Lee, Editor of the Manila Chinese daily, Man Ho Po, departed on the Tenyo Maru on September 22, bound for Hongkong. He is travelling in a semi-official capacity, says the Manila Bulletin, having received a special commission from the Revolutionary board in Hongkong to consult Dr. Sun Yat Sen at Shanghai, on very important matters. He is also appointed a representative of the Chinese revolutionary party in the Philippines, the Man Ho Po being the organ for said party.

During his stay in northern China he is to make a thorough study of industry, mining and farming conditions of that part of China, and he is also to look into the present political conditions and outlook of China.

The revolutionary party in the Philippines for which the Man Ho Po is the spokesman counts very near 16,000 members.

During his last stay in the Philippines Mr. Lee has visited most of his party members in the provinces and has in all parts been accorded great welcome. He fought nearly one year in the revolutionary army and reached in that short time the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is a promising young man of good education, having graduated from Queen's College, Hongkong, and the Manila Bulletin.

Besides being a soldier and editor he has filled the important position as secretary of the Chinese national party under Wu Han-man. He is a very patriotic man and sees

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GENERAL NEWS.

Confiscation.
A letter-writer in the Times demands that one of the terms of peace shall be "that all the trees in his (the Kaiser's) parks and every stick of valuable furniture in his palaces at Potsdam and elsewhere shall be confiscated and to be sold assist in providing reparation and indemnity for Belgium, Serbia, Armenia, and the Allies generally."

The Late Captain Fryatt.
An important proportion has been adopted with regard to a Captain Fryatt Memorial Fund by the Management Committee of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild. The scheme has been submitted to the Lord Mayor of London for his consideration which it is hoped will be favourably received. The Guild has contributed from its funds the sum of £1,000 to form a nucleus for this Fund.

A Chinese Lady Aviator.
To the ranks of Chinese Amazons must now be added Chinese lady aviators. The Peking Gazette notes that Miss Chang, a sister-in-law of General Chang Tso-ping, was badly injured in a fall from an aeroplane at Nanyuan a few days ago. Miss Chang was taken at once to a hospital and was operated upon. It is pleasant to record that she is now going on satisfactorily.

Mexican Money!
According to a recent announcement from Mexico City, over two hundred million dollars in Mexican paper money has been or will be burned in the courtyard of the National Palace, and the public has been invited to witness the spectacle. The money is of an old issue and has been supplanted by an issue less subject to counterfeiting. The other paper money still existing in some parts of Mexico is not worth counterfeiting and is hardly worth carrying around in bales.

Daylight Saving in New Brunswick.
St. John is the first city in maritime Canada to adopt daylight saving, as it was the pioneer both in the case of the commission form of civic government and the town planning system. The City Council enacted a by-law putting the Daylight Saving law into operation in St. John from midnight April 30 until midnight September 30. It is understood that the Provincial Legislature has been asked to pass an Act making the scheme effective throughout the Province.

The Fly Crop at Dairen.
The daily crop of flies at Dairen has decreased with the ending of the summer to 0.4 koku. The total crop of flies bought by the Dairen authorities since the opening of the fly-catching season on June 14 to September 13 is 42,741 koku, for which the authorities have paid Y.1,272.23, which is about Y.360 over the original estimate. By the time the purchases are suspended for the season it is expected that a total of Y.1,500 will have been paid for the insects.—Exchange.

The Cricketer's Fund.
In the absence of Lord Harris, A. D. Pougher, the old Leicestershire bowler, took the chair at the annual general meeting of the Cricketers' Fund Friendly Society at Lord's. The fund of late years has suffered from a big falling off in donations, but the balance sheet submitted and passed, with receipts of £600 and payments of £440, showed a profit on the year of £219. Moreover, the fund has recently received a sum of £100 left to the institution by the late Sir Charles Oakley. Mr. W. H. Patterson was elected a trustee in place of the late Lord Alverstone, and Mr. A. J. Webb as auditor in place of the late Mr. Henry Perkins. W. A. J. West, the well-known umpire, was chosen to fill on the committee the vacancy caused by the death of Louis Hall, the old York-shire batsman.—George Barton was re-elected treasurer and secretary.

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55041 Traume-Dreams
88465 — Manella Mia (Song) Caruso
88201 — Samson et Delila-Amour, vien alder (Song) Louis Homer
64342 — Good-Bye Sweetheart, Good-Bye (Song) McCormack
64530 — In A Gondola-Impromptu, Violin Solo Mischa Elman
74402 — Valse Triste-Sibelius. Maud Powell
70112 — Doughie the Baker (Comic Song) Harry Lauder

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BIRTH.
TAYLOR.—On 26th September, at the Royal Naval Hospital, Hongkong, to Surgeon and Mrs. Basil Taylor, a son.

DEATH.
MCNEIL.—At the Victoria Hospital, Barker Road, on the 26th September at 9.15 p.m., after a serious illness, Annie, the beloved wife of Duncan McNeil, of Quarry Bay; aged 53 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1916.

FIGHTING GERMAN PROPAGANDA.

We are more than pleased to see that the Imperial Government has at length come to realize the value of British propaganda among peoples who have, ever since the war broke out, been liberally fed with German lies. We read that there have been produced, for the first time under the auspices of the British Government, illustrated papers with a purely Oriental text. One of these is a Moslem propagandist periodical, and the other is the *Cheng Pao*, a similar publication in Chinese. The latter of these is being circulated not only in China, but also among the Chinese in Hongkong, the Dutch East Indies, Siam, the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States. It is also being sent to Chinese Turkestan, Tibet and Mongolia. One other feature of this new campaign is the issuing of a Chinese poster which is intended for distribution among the Chinese Mussulmans (of whom there are said to be twelve millions in China), and which deals with the proclamation against Islam issued by the Germans in East Africa, which was discovered by General Smuts at Mochi when that town was captured by the British forces.

The development is an intensely valuable one, and those who have pleaded for action on the part of our Government to combat the Germans' campaign of lying and anti-British intrigue, in China in particular, will learn of it with the utmost satisfaction. In this matter we have been far too content to let our side of the war take its chance of being given a hearing, and the result has been that the Chinese, by their wilful distortion of facts, have been able to persuade very many of the Chinese that the Allies are being beaten. They have descended to the very lowest depths to discredit the Allies in general, and Great Britain in particular, in the eyes of the Chinese, and our Government has allowed their campaign to go on without in the least degree taking any steps to counteract its evil effects. In the early part of the war, the *Telegraph* was able to print, as an example of the enemy's propaganda, some of the fantastic lies which the Germans were causing to be circulated in South China. With stories such as these spread broadcast, and a policy of utter inaction followed by ourselves, is it any wonder that many of the Chinese, who are otherwise unenlightened on the war, should be prepared to swallow the highly-coloured tales as gospel truth?

In regard to the truth of the war, not only can the Chinese be kept informed by letter-press and illustrations as to what is really happening, but the cinematograph can, as the French have been quick to realize, be made to serve the same purpose. For the past eighteen months or more the French Government have been circulating in all parts of the globe official pictures of the war, whereas whatever films have been secured by the British Government have not at any rate yet reached Hongkong. If these pictures are of value at home, how much more valuable would they be in parts of the Empire where the native inhabitants may have some doubt as to how the war is really going on? More far-seeing than we are, the French Government has been sending its official pictures so far afield as Indo-China and Dahomey, where the indigenous populace might, if left to the tender mercies of pro-Germans, be led astray as to the progress of the struggle. This task of enlightening subject races is in reality a patriotic duty which the British Government has too long neglected to discharge. We can only hope that the beginning now made will be developed to the fullest extent.

Chinese Appointments.
In his letter yesterday our Correspondent mentions that Chan Kwing-ning, one-time tutu of Kwangtung and recently in command of the rebel forces at Waihow, has been given the rank of admiral; and he draws attention to the fact that this gentleman's claim to such a dignity is not stated. If the appointment is a purely honorary one we have nothing more to say, for there is no reason why the Chinese Government should not confer honours on its subjects if it sees fit. Unfortunately, however, China during the past five years has come painfully near to making a laughing-stock of herself by giving high-sounding titles (occasionally with a big salary and serious responsibilities attaching thereto) to men who had had no experience whatever in the class of work demanded of them. Clerks, school-masters and even school-boys have suddenly blossomed out into generals; and more than once the attack or defence of a city has lain in their hands, and it has been theirs to give instructions to tried soldiers. This is to make a laughing-stock of China, and to breed extra distrust of her institutions in the minds of foreigners. Of course Mr. Chan may be possessed of nautical knowledge which hitherto he has hidden under a bushel; but that does not alter the fact that new China has certainly been inclined to overstep the mark in the case of certain appointments.

The Houseboy Case.
The case which came before Mr. Wood yesterday, wherein a European was fined for thrashing his houseboy, at least serves the purpose of proving to the Chinese that British justice is fair, and that no man, whatever his nationality or standing, may break the law with impunity. With the case as it stands we have nothing to do; to tie a native boy up and then hammer him was not only brutal, but un-British and idiotic to boot; and the defendant could scarcely be surprised if Mr. Wood took so serious a view of the matter as to ask him to pay very nearly as much as he fined a woman recently for hacking a little girl with a knife. Of course most of the trouble may be traced to the fact that Europeans are so slow (perhaps they have had all too little magisterial encouragement) to bring dishonest or insolent servants before the courts. For one case wherein a man may be justified in taking the law into his own hands there are a hundred wheres this is positively the last thing that he should do if he wishes to maintain his dignity. But, until we have a proper system of registration of servants here, we hardly see how the position is likely to improve. Up to the present the Government has shown but little desire to back up the employer of Chinese labour.

Somewhat incongruous.

More than ordinary interest has centred in the trial at the Criminal Sessions of a Police Reserve constable on a charge of accepting bribes in order to secure the release of a prisoner who was sent to gaol in connection with the smuggling of opium: On the merits of the case we have nothing to say: these have been fully investigated by judge and jury and the accused has been unanimously found not guilty of the charge laid against him. One interesting point, however, arises from the fact that, whereas the prosecution was against a member of one of the Colony's auxiliary forces and was being conducted by the Crown, the prisoner was being defended by the superintendent of the force to which he belonged: Thus we had the somewhat incongruous position of the Crown taking one side of the case and a voluntary servant of the Crown taking the other. Mr. Jenkins was not, of course, appearing in Court in his official capacity as D.S.P. of the Police Reserve, and he was no doubt convinced of the innocence of the man he was defending. All the same, he was placed in a rather delicate position, and one which it were better had never arisen. If Mr. Jenkins prosecutes in cases brought by members of the Reserve—as he does—is it right and fitting that, when a Police Serviceman is on trial, he should, in his private capacity, appear to defend?

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DAY BY DAY.

BETTER TO BE A BIG MAN IN A LITTLE JOB THAN A LITTLE MAN IN A BIG JOB.

The Weather.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 73; fog. (1915, 63 clear.) Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 80; overcast. (1915, 74 clear.)

The Mails.

French Mail.—Closed per a.s. Postbox at 3 p.m. to-day. Siberian Mail.—Due per a.s. Anhui on Friday. Siberian Mail.—Closed per a.s. Sinkiang at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 2d./16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the 40th anniversary of the capitulation of Strasburg.

Smoking Concert.

The members of the Royal Naval Dockyard Police Mess are holding a smoking concert at 8.30 p.m. on Monday, October 2.

Hongkong Theatre.

To-night the Hongkong Theatre will screen the 12th and 13th episodes of "The Neal of The Navy" and on Saturday the 30th, the last episode.

Deferred Telegrams.

The Great Northern Telegraph Company announces that the rate for ordinary and "deferred" telegrams from Hongkong to Japan will from October 1 be reduced to \$0.66 and \$0.30 per word respectively.

Billiards.

In connection with the Palace Hotel billiards tournament, an interesting match was witnessed last evening when Mr. Bond (owes 110) met and defeated Mr. May (owes 60). The game was a fairly close one; the final scores reading Mr. Bond 250, Mr. May 220. At 8.45 this evening, Mr. Johnstone (owes 130), will meet Mr. D. Murphy (owes 40).

A Dangerous Weapon.

When the passengers off the s.s. *Tai Lee* were being searched yesterday, a man was found to have concealed in his sock a small weapon, like a safety razor blade, which is known to be used for cutting pockets open. He was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy to-day, with possessing a dangerous weapon and was sent to prison for 14 days.

European Boy Injured.

A nasty accident has occurred to a five-year-old boy named Jack Lyons, living with his parents at 13, Government Quarters, as a result of which he has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital. He was in Des Vaux Road West yesterday when he was knocked down by tramcar No. 18, and sustained rather severe injuries to his right leg and foot.

By False Pretences.

A Chinese, who apparently thought he would have an evening out with his friends for nothing, went to the Yik Sik Hotel at Yaumati last night with a party of friends and ordered food and drink to the value of about \$35. When the bill was presented to him, he had no money to pay, and, in consequence, he was handed over to the Police for obtaining credit with false pretences. When charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, he was sentenced to four months' hard labour and four hours' stocks, the stocks to be placed outside the hotel.

Obituary.

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Consignees.

Consignees of cargo by the a.s. Glaucus are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to re-sale.

Aquatic Sports.

Races close on Saturday, the 30th inst., for the aquatic sports to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on October 14 under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Orange (Hongkong and China District).

WHERE WILL THEY CRACK?

The Final Siege of the Huns.

Mr. E. Ashmead-Bartlett writes in *Joker Bill*:

We are at the turn of the tide; but a little time must elapse before the receding torrent slowly yields to view once again the blood-soaked, devastated soil of France, Belgium and Poland. Certain broad facts stand out. The offensive and initiative have definitely passed to the Allies. Germany has expanded herself almost to bursting-point like some huge Zeppelin setting forth on a raid from which there may be no return. For the first time in two years the Allies are able to commence a joint offensive on all their fronts, thus allowing the Central Powers little choice of exploiting their interior lines and vast system of strategic railways, as they have invariably been able to do in the past. The interior lines remain; so also do the railways, and the organization which runs them is as perfect as ever. Only now the human freight is lacking. The endless lines of trucks still roll from east to west, but they carry few except the maimed. The East can no longer lend, at critical moments, whole army corps to the West; while the West can no longer send her tried veterans to that terrible dancos of death through Poland, Galicia and Russia, expanding the frontiers of crime for the delighted gaze of German school-children, and causing wooden gods, tis with patriotic nails, to rise like mushrooms to Hindenburg and Mackensen.

The eyes of England are concentrated on our offensive on the Somme; but to maintain a proper perspective, the battle of the Somme must be considered only in conjunction with events elsewhere. Erzerum in mid-winter. The importance of the results which have followed cannot be overestimated. We are, in fact, about to reap the full benefit of them.

At the present hour we must look to the Near East for decisive results, rather than to the west, where the enemy is at his strongest. Our hammer blows on the Somme will make possible the approaching dramatic changes in the Near East. We are nailing the enemy to his trenchments in the west, and meanwhile his dream of a German Empire stretching from the Rhine to the Persian Gulf is slowly fading into thin air. The Hun reached their high water mark in the late autumn of 1915.

A solid mass of half-a-million Turks and Bulgarians held the road from Belgrade to Constantinople. On this huge concentration the plans of the German General Staff for 1916 entirely depended: The fall of Erzerum changed all this. The Turks have been obliged to recall their armies from Gallipoli and Thrace and to send them to the Armenian frontier. All the nicely balanced plans of the Germans have been upset. The Near East is no longer their strongest point; it is their most vulnerable. Hard pressed on all their frontiers, not a German or Austrian Division can be spared to assist the Bulgarians. Macedonia and Serbia are being held by the Bulgarian army alone, assisted by the few remaining Turkish divisions which can be spared from Armenia. This force may be strong enough to resist our offensive from Salonica, but it is not nearly strong enough to withstand a joint attack from the north and from the south. 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TELEGRAMS.

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THE RAID ON WESTREM.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

September 26, 1.30 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the "Telegraaf's" correspondent at the frontier reports that 40 Germans were killed or seriously wounded in the raid on Westrem, mentioned on 23rd inst.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN RAID.

Bombs Dropped on Several Places.

September 26, 2.10 a.m.
It is officially stated that several hostile airships crossed the east and north-east coast between 10.30 p.m. and midnight. Bombs are reported to have been dropped on several places in the northern midland counties.

An airship has also been reported on the south coast.

No casualties or damage have been reported.

Six Hostile Airships.

September 26, 5.40 a.m.

It is officially stated that probably six hostile airships visited the north-eastern and southern counties last night. Bombs were dropped on the northern counties and some casualties and damage are reported.

THE LATE MR. LEONARD.

AN INTERESTING FIGHT.

Funeral at Happy Valley.

Indians in Trouble in Manila.

Says the Manila Daily Bulletin of September 21.—

For at least five minutes yesterday evening, shortly before six o'clock, traffic became congested at the junction of calle Padre Burgos and Plaza Lawton owing to the unusual attraction furnished by the numerous pedestrians and other passers-by in vehicles and street cars by a triangular fight among three British Indians who were experts in the manipulation of the walking canes. The combat took place just in front of the flower market at the foot of the bridge of Spain, and it was not many minutes before the place was blocked by interested on-lookers who closely watched the outcome of the battle royal.

Some passers-by in the crowd, however, did not find the scene to their liking and stopped the combatants and turned them over to the police who appeared on the scene after the show was over. One of the combatants had his head seriously damaged, with three cuts of the cane, and on account of the severe loss of blood, is now laid up in the Philippine general hospital for repair. The other two are now safely locked in the Luneta police station with no traces of the affray other than a few scratches and bruises. They handled the cane better than the other.

As to how the fight started or as to what the cause was for such an unusual display of temper on the part of the combatants, the police are still at sea; as the participants will not talk, and if they did, would not be ordinarily understood by the average policeman as they cannot talk a word of English. But from eye-witnesses, however, it is learned that the three happened to meet at that place and after an exchange of hot words, which to us would seem to be an expression of the usual courtesies, they commenced to lay the sticks which they carried on one another.

For disturbing the peace, they will be haled in court to-day and given a lesson in conducting themselves properly while treading the streets of the Pearl of the Orient.

Wood Obstruction.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazland, at the Police Court this afternoon, a Chinese was charged with causing an obstruction at Wan-chai by having two stacks of wood in the roadway. Defendant said he had two hundred there. A fine of \$7 was imposed. Another man was charged with having some wood at the same place, but he denied that any of the wood was his. He said he lent wood alings to the last defendant. The case was withdrawn against him. His Worship remarked that there was always this trouble. The best thing to do was to take the wood to the police station where it would be claimed.

V. R. C. Sports.

The annual sports in connection with the Victoria Recreation Club begin at the V.R.C. bath tomorrow at 4.30 p.m. and will be continued on Friday and Saturday.

BLAKE PIER.

What are the Regulations?

Another case regarding conduct at Blake Pier was before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, when a Portuguese clerk named Luis Maria Franco, who lives at 19, Mosque Junction, and who is employed as a clerk in the Stamp Office, was charged with standing on the railings at Blake Pier and also with assaulting a Lukong.

The Lukong's story was he saw the defendant standing by the rails on Blake Pier yesterday, and as he had instructions to move people on there, he beckoned the defendant away. Defendant slapped him in the face twice, knocking his helmet off. Witness then arrested him.

His Worship pointed out that the man was charged with standing on the railings, but apparently he was only standing by them.

Inspector Davitt thought that leaning on the railings was an offence, but His Worship said it was not in the Regulations.

Defendant's story was that he was standing there with others when the Lukong came up and took hold of him roughly. He (defendant) pushed him away and the Lukong pulled out his truncheon. The wind blew the man's helmet off. He did not strike the Lukong at all.

His Worship thought the matter about the Regulations and the Police ought to be put right. The man had no need to be spoken to at all.

Inspector Davitt said the Police had received instructions from the C.S.P. to deal with people loitering there.

His Worship discharged the defendant and asked that the matter should be communicated to the C.S.P.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Opening Night of the "What-Nots".

Hongkong is well off for amusements this week for, in addition to the Howitt-Philips Company, it has the What-Nots, who gave their opening performance at the Victoria Theatre last night in the presence of a tolerably well-filled house. If these artists' first programme may be taken as a guarantee of what is to follow, we need not hesitate to prophesy for them a highly successful season here, for their show last night was what it professes to be: "fun and frivolity, without vulgarity."

The Great Benville Roberto is a very decided improvement on the average conjurer who has come to Hongkong within recent years; his stage manner is immensely in his favour and all his tricks are accomplished neatly and without fuss. His various performances were generally applauded, especially in the case of the Egyptian Box mystery, one of the prettiest and most effective illusions seen here of late. It might well be added that the magician was assisted in his performances by a very clever clown-mimic. As a rule such assistance is a nuisance and only bores the spectators, but in this case it has to be owned that it produced a large amount of additional genuine amusement.

Miss Irene Beryl proved very charming in all that she did—whether in singing, dancing or acting; and the Flirtation Waltz, in which she took part, and the Amazon dance are two of the prettiest turns we have seen for a long while. Both were deservedly encored. In the sketch "Jack Ashore" and in a brief burlesque melodrama she was equally clever and popular. Her partner, "Charlie" showed himself to be a very accomplished all-round artist—siffler, singer, dancer and light comedian: a man well worth his place in any good variety company. He has a happy knack of seeming to enjoy the fun quite as much as his audience, his songs and dances have a "live" snap in them, and we look forward with pleasure to seeing him again.

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Goulbourn V.	Taylor J. H.	Macfarlane Mrs	Saunder J.
Gray Mr & Mrs P. J.	Simmons J. W.	Macfarlane Mrs	Saunder J.
Gordon A. G.	Southard A. E.	Macfarlane Mrs	Saunder J.
Givotovsky J. T.	Gordon S. T.	Macfarlane Mrs	Saunder J.

SHARE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Up To the Minute:

Banks.	b. \$	765.00
Unions.	b. \$	920.00
H.K. Fire.	as \$	390.00
Douglas.	b.x.d. \$	124.00
Indus.(Def.)	b. \$	133.50
Steamboats.	b. \$	22.25
Shells.	b. \$	110.
Chins. Sogars.	b. \$	111.00
Langkats.	b. T	25.50
K'loon Docks.	b. \$	131.50
Shai Docks.	b. T	82.00
Kung Yik.	a. T	14.25
Cements.	b. \$	10.25
H.K. Tramways.	a. \$	7.30

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Langkat output is as follows:-

Sept. 1	... Tons	118
" 2	... "	105
" 3	... "	118
" 4	... "	111
" 5	... "	103
" 6	... "	112
" 7	... "	101
" 8	... "	110
" 9	... "	102
" 10	... "	104
" 11	... "	106
" 12	... "	106
" 13	... "	113
" 14	... "	120
" 15	... "	110
" 16	... "	117
" 17	... "	135
" 18	... "	116
" 19	... "	124
" 20	... "	123
" 21	... "	112
" 22	... "	131
" 23	... "	108
" 24	... "	118
" 25	... "	116
" 26	... "	108
Total to 26th inst.		2,847
Daily average		109.53

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:-

No. 2 Section.

This Section will parade at Water Police Station on Friday, Sept. 29, at 5.15 p.m., instead of at Central Station.

General Parade.

Friday, Sept. 29.—No. 1 Section, No. 2 Platoon, Nos. 3 and 4 Companies and Ambulance Platoon will parade at Central Station at 5.30 p.m. Uniform, Helmets and Rifles.

Headquarters' Club.

A meeting of the General Committee will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 5.30 p.m.

Church Parade.

No. 2 Company will attend Church Parade on Sunday, Oct. 1. The Band will also attend. Fall in at Central Station at 4 p.m. sharp. Members residing in Kowloon will fall in at Ferry Pier, Kowloon, at 5.25 p.m. Uniform with Helmets.

Maxim Gunners.

This Section will attend Maxim Gun Drill on Friday, September 29, at 5.30 p.m. at Central, and on Tuesday and Friday in each week unless otherwise ordered by Crown Sergeant Ford.

Reduction to the Ranks.

For leaving the Colony without permission and for making an incorrect statement as to his absence from Special Patrol duty, a Sergeant has been reduced to the ranks.

Absentee Reports.

In connection with reporting members absent from parade without permission, the following routine is required by the A.S.P. (E):—

(a) That Section-Commanders shall report the names in writing.

(b) That their reports shall be forwarded by them to their Inspectors, together with any observations they wish to make.

(c) That the Inspectors shall send their reports to the A.S.P. (R), together with any recommendation they may desire to put on record.

Kitchener Fund.

A Variety Concert will be given at the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday, October 4, at 9.15 p.m. in aid of the above Fund.

THE HARBOUR SWIM.

To Take Place on October 5.

A JESTING FIGHTER.

Dagger work in "Devil's Wood."

Local swimmers will hear with pleasure that Messrs. Gande, Price and Company have decided to present a handsome silver cup to the winner of the Harbour swim, which is to take place on October 5, at 5 p.m. Owing to war conditions, this event, which was formerly promoted by the *China Mail*, has not taken place for two years. The race this year, which is open to the Colony, is to be arranged under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, and we understand that it is likely to be one of the best yet seen. Finch (who won the last contest) and Johnstone, two well-known local amateur swimmers, and some really good men from the Army and Navy, are to compete.

The new cup can be seen in Messrs. Gande, Price and Company's window.

OF GERMAN MAKE.

Curious Jewel Smuggling Case at New York.

New York, August 19.—A Silk stocking crammed with jewellery, found behind a barricade of pie in a lunchroom, and a suit case which had contained jewellery, were put into evidence by customs officials to-day in an attempt to prove a plot to smuggle gems and jewellery. The jewels are estimated to worth \$25,000.

Hans Edward Thompson, sergeant before Commissioner Houghton, was held in \$7,500 bail, in default of which he was locked up to await a hearing on August 25. The arrest of Thompson, it is said, is the first step to uncover an alleged smuggling conspiracy in which he is to be charged with bringing in the dutiable goods as the agent of an unidentified principal.

According to customs officials, their investigations indicate that a smuggling ring was formed in this city on June 1 and that Thompson went abroad at that time to carry out his part of the plan. Thompson returned as a steerage passenger on the Scandinavian-American liner *Helsingöy* on July 11, and, being a passenger destined for Ellis Island, he was not required to make out a declaration. The customs men charge that Thompson, when he was taken to Ellis Island left, on board the steamer the suitcase and a package containing gold and platinum gem-studded chains, brooches, necklaces and bracelets.

These, they believe, were taken off the steamer in Hoboken by a member of the crew. It is alleged that Thompson, after his release from Ellis Island, obtained the packages and took them to a furnished room. The customs men took up the trail when they were informed that some one was attempting to sell jewellery under circumstances that aroused suspicion. Evidence will be presented, it is said, to show that Thompson, becoming certain that he was under surveillance, got a friend to take the suitcase on Tuesday and check it at the Bowring Green subway station.

Yesterday the claimant of the suitcase was followed to a Second Avenue house, where Thompson was arrested. The man who claimed the case, it is said, once worked in a lunch room and attempted to hide his friend's valuable behind the pie rack back of the counter, where they remained until seized by the customs inspectors last night. He also transferred the treasure to the silk stocking in the hope of making a less conspicuous package.

Some of the jewellery seized is of German make, but most of it, it is said, was manufactured in Scandinavian countries.

1,000 Chinese Passengers. The a.s. Hongkong arrived from Singapore to-day with 1,000 Chinese deck passengers.

RETAIL FOOD PRICES.

A Slight Decrease at Home.

Among the wounded arriving now at Southampton, one finds both officers and men who "went over" at 7.30 a.m. on July 1 and have been fighting at one point or another ever since. Private _____, of the _____, is a Cockney of the Cockneys. He has been fighting for a month, much of it in the shambles of Devil's Wood; he is now pretty badly cut about, but he never opens his mouth without a jest. "Fed up? Wot, sir boys fed up, sir? Not likely! Wot, we're just beginnin' to like it. But I bet Mister Boche is gettin' a bit fed up." In Devil's Wood this man went on fighting for a long time with considerable wounds in the left shoulder and arm, and only gave out when rendered perfectly helpless by a smashed ankle and two slight head wounds.

"To 'ear the wy they talks aboot that Devil's Wood, you'd think there was somethin' wrong with the bloomin' place. For me, I like the in-an-shit close work, I do; better'n this bloomin' ex-tended-order work in open, with the bloomin' typewriters clack-clackin' till you can't ear yourself speak. An' they can't ardy 'elp hitten' of yer, neither. Seme's it was at Monterberg an' comin' up to Longval. No, give me the in-an-shit work, l'ey, every time. You do git a bit a fun fer yer money in a place like Devil's Wood. When my orficer give me a little trench dagger, wot fitted on me left hand like a knuckle-duster—ad two or three of 'm, 'e said, wot, I tell you, it was a little bit uv orlright fer me.

"There's suthin' to keep a man amused aboot that sorta fighting. Much I cared aboot their toasting-forks, once I could git close in. You let me get close in, an' same's we did in Devil's Wood, time an' time again, — an' I'll back myself to serve ye up Boches as fast as you can open oysters.

"No, I've got no fault to find with Devil's Wood. If only an R.E. fatigue party could er got in there first, an' done a bit uv a clean up, as ye might say—got some uv the wood an' rubbish in, that outer the wy, an' jest levelled it up a bit—wy, you couldn't 've asked for a nicer place for a scrap.

"Wot do I think uv Mister Boche? Oh, 'e's orlright, once yer get ter know 'is little tricks, the blighter; but 'e's a stickler, ye know, sir; specially with a machine-gun. The sight o' steel makes 'im proper sick. You gotta be quick as a flash once you get up to 'im or 'e'll up with 'is 'ands an' then you mustn't touch the beggar; although you know bloomin' well that if you 'appen to stumble, or give 'im arf a chance, 'e'll stick yer when you're not looking—almost the only time 'e will, that is. But 'e's a pretty good soldier at shootin' range.

"The Push? Oh, the Push is orlright, sir. Did I get any sleep last month? Lor bleus ye, yes, sir. I can't get on wivout me sleep. We used to do it in small-holes; any ole place. Soon get used to that, 'Ad me tea, too; most arterious, I did.' Bit av a relish with it, too, when we'd got in a Boche trench. Gen'rally always find a bit er suthin' tasty in a Boche dug-out; an' if you strike a orficer's dug-out, it's a lord mayor's banquet, for certain."

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 3.45 p.m. to-day:—

Cyclone or typhoon S. E. of Naha, direction unknown.

University of Hongkong. Mr. Liang Shih-yi has given a donation of \$10,000 to the Endowment Fund of the Hongkong University.

OUR NEW TROOPS.

France Praises Britain's Army.

The little British Army, as it existed before the War, has gone forever, opines the *New York Literary Digest*; little was left of it after the retreat from Mons, and war's attrition has reduced that little band till now only a few hardy old veterans are left to stiffen the ranks of the new army that Lord Kitchener's grim influence brought into being.

Although the decrease in the general level of prices of food was quite small, it is noteworthy as being the first decline reported since August, 1914. The average percentage increased on retail prices in July, 1914, at the beginning of each month, since the commencement of the war, is as follows:—

	Per cent.
September, 1914	... 10
October, 1914	... 12
November, 1914	... 13
December, 1914	... 16
January, 1915	... 18
February, 1915	... 28
March, 1915	... 24
April, 1915	... 24
May, 1915	... 26
June, 1915	... 32
July, 1915	... 35%
August, 1915	... 34
September, 1915	... 35
October, 1915	... 40
November, 1915	... 41
December, 1915	... 44
January, 1916	... 45
February, 1916	... 47
March, 1916	... 48
April, 1916	... 49
May, 1916	... 55
June, 1916	... 59
July, 1916	... 61
August, 1916	... 60

The increase in food prices during the first year of war was thus approximately 34 per cent. (of which 10 per cent. occurred in the first month); during the second year the increase was 19 per cent. (from 134 to 160, if prices before the war be represented by 100). These figures are based on the assumption that there had been no changes in the standard of living, i.e., that the same quantities of the same commodities were being consumed throughout the period.

Another influential Paris organ, the *Le Petit Journal*, writes:—"Britain has the right to be proud of the results achieved by her soldiers, whom a few days back the Germans affected to consider a negligible quantity. In several engagements they have beaten the elite of the German Army."

In his paper, the *Paris L'Homme Enchainé*, Mr. Clemenceau pays tribute to the British troops in these words:

"The British troops, previously despised by William, are now giving his generals a sample of their strength, before which, in the long run, the Boches will have to turn tail. The superior quality of the British Army has got the better of all the Boche counter-attacks, and the magnificient success of the little Army, now grown big, has already made the invaders feel the first effect of a military force upon whose intervention he had not reckoned."

"The thing that has most struck French admiration is the way the British have improvised a new artillery, perhaps the most technical of all the military arms. Commandant de Civizier, writing in the *Paris Matin*, says:—"The brand new British artillery has straightaway shown itself the equal of the oldest and most tried. The success of its aim and the concentration of its rapid fire guarantees the total destruction of its objective, levelling trenches to the ground and overwhelming the defenders."

"The great British Army, although it has been formed in accordance with the lessons which the present war has taught, is none the less the true descendant of the old bulldog spirit, the source of the most famous British victories in days gone by. This army appears on the scene, well trained and powerful, at the moment when Germany is beginning to count her last reserves."

Though many other items of expenditure have increased, they have not advanced on the average so much as food. It may be estimated that the average increase in the cost of living of the working-classes, taking food, rent, clothing, fuel and light and miscellaneous expenditure into consideration, between July, 1914, and the present time, is between 40 and 45 per cent.; disregarding increased taxation and assuming that the standard of living has not been modified in view of war conditions.

The new fuel is apparently suitable, Mr. Bundy added, for every class of motor engine, and should be even better for heavy commercials than for cars.

A DIRTY TRICK.

Latest form of Hunnish Roguery.

One of the meanest forms of moneymaking imagined by the Germans is exposed by the *Grise de Paris*, which got its information direct from the victim. The latter is a lady who, until a few weeks ago, lived in the invaded regions.

Having a large house, she was obliged to billet some half-dozen German officers. One of them was continually remarking upon her sadness, and asked her why she did not try to get news of her husband, who was serving with his regiment in France. Finally, on the pledge of word of the officer that she could safely entrust a letter to him

COMMERCIAL

COMBINES IN THE METAL TRADE.

Oriental Steel Manufacturing Co.

The Oriental Steel Manufacturing Company, organised by prominent Japanese financiers is now reported to have been capitalized at £25,000,000. The company plans to produce 177,000 tons of pig iron annually. The mills will turn out 200,000 tons of steel, with waste iron and iron ore, out of which 150,000 tons of steel materials will be made.

Prosperity of the Bank of Montreal.

The half-yearly report of the Bank of Montreal for the six months ended April 29 last shows remarkable expansion, there being an increase of over £20,000,000 in the assets. Both demand and notice deposits denote unusual strength, and the liquid position of the latter must be accepted as one of Canada's safeguards under the present exceptional conditions. The increases in deposits not bearing interest amounts to £14,000,000. While this would indicate some special funds, it is also evident that the Bank is in a position to take care of the large additional business that will be carried out in the country, and the fact that the leading banking institutions of the country are in such a flourishing state at the present time is of the utmost importance to the welfare of the Dominion. The Royal Mint at Ottawa is to be extended, and in order to meet the demand for more gold additional facilities are to be provided.

Grand Trunk Pacific Finance.

The Dominion Government Bill for lending £8,000,000 to the Grand Trunk Pacific Company has been passed. This loan is an obligation of the above company, and no liability in connection with it attaches to the Grand Trunk Railway Company. The actual liability of the Grand Trunk under its guarantees amounts to about £815,000 per annum, and since the Canadian Government is advancing £1,600,000 there will be more than enough to meet the Government's guarantee and the Grand Trunk's liabilities for another year at least, as well as the further funds needed for equipment, etc. The Government has appointed a Commission to report on the general railway situation, and it is estimated that the loan will enable the Grand Trunk Pacific Company to meet all its obligations until the Government policy is determined. This policy may result in the nationalization of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern, but it is hardly likely that the Government will attempt to buy up the Canadian Pacific or the Grand Trunk Railway.

Helping Brazilian Rubber.

In order to increase the use of Brazilian crude rubber in manufactured rubber products made in other countries a bill has been introduced into the Brazilian Congress which provides for a reduction of 95 per cent. of the ordinary duties on such articles. In order to enjoy this advantage the articles concerned must be accompanied by a declaration from the manufacturer, duly authenticated by a Brazilian Consul, attesting that the goods are made of fine Para rubber. The words "Para Rubber, Brazil," or their equivalent in the language of the country of origin, must be stamped on such articles. On certain grades of insulated wire and cables, in the manufacture of which Para rubber has been used, the regular duty is to be reduced 90 per cent. It is also proposed to increase the duty on imported pneumatic automobile tyres not made of Brazilian rubber from five per cent. ad valorem to 15 per cent.

The bill describes a number of tests for determining whether articles are made of Brazilian rubber. For instance, goods admitted at the reduced rates must stretch six times their size without breaking and must stand all the elasticity and compression tests required by certain French organisations, in addition to other tests—Exchange.

How Pooling Sends Prices up.

The exposure of the galvanised iron combine scandal by the Daily Chronicle at the end of 1914 will be fresh in the minds of readers, says a recent issue of that journal. It was demonstrated that the War Office purchased its galvanised corrugated sheets through a combine, and paid considerably more per ton than private customers were paying. Has the War Office yet shaken itself free from the operations of combines in the metal trade?

Information is at our disposal which points to the fact that combines which exist for the purpose of keeping prices high are still in possession of the field.

The very large quantities of iron and steel articles which are necessary for the conduct of the war must be obvious to everyone, and this, of course, gives great opportunities to metal trade combinations which secure the patronage of the Government.

There are a thousand and one articles made from the raw iron and steel. The semi-manufactured material is handed over to specialised groups of manufacturers, who turn out the finished article. These groups in many cases, if not in all, form themselves into combines. That is the general position. Of course some of these combines are more important than others at the present moment on account of the scope of their manufactures or the special kind of articles they make. The first of its kind is a combine called "The National Light Castings Association" a body which has been dealt with in this journal on a previous occasion. "Light castings" include a great number of metal articles among which may be may be instances portable boilers and combustion stoves. Many of these products are needed by the Government. The association was formed in 1911, and the object of it is officially set forth as

raising and keeping up the price to the buyer of goods and articles made, and, or, supplied by its members. This shall be done by means of pooling arrangements so controlling production so that prices will rise naturally and inevitably as they always must do when supply is brought into equilibrium with, or is even a little below, demand.

Leap in Prices.
Now for the way the existence of the association operates on prices. We take a light casting of a typical nature as an example. Here are some comparative prices:—

Before combine was formed 1s. 10d.
After combine was formed 2s. 3d.
July 1914 3s. Old.
July 1914 3s. 8d.
July 1916 4s. 5d.

It will be noticed that the combine caused the prices to jump even in peace time, but that after July 1914, in the presence of war demands, it began to enter into its full harvest. The extra cost of labour and materials may be urged to account for the rise. The following table disposes of that suggestion. It shows the increased cost of labour and materials on the one hand and the combine's rise of prices on the other:—

Combine Labour and Combine price. materials rise.

2s. 8d. ... 1s. 11d. ... 9s. 1d.
3s. 0d. ... 1d. ... 1s. 2d.
3s. 8d. ... 3s. 1d. ... 1s. 8d.
4s. 5d. ... 6s. d. ... 2s. 8d.

Cheaper from America. The combine has thus used its power to exploit prices to an extraordinary extent. Point is given to their action by the fact that British iron and steel merchants who have nothing to do with the combine find it possible to make purchases in America (where the cost of labour is very much higher than it is here), to transport them 900 miles by

rail, 3000 miles by water, and then to sell here at 15 per cent. below the charges of the combine. If this is the case in connection with one combine there seems to be a case for inquiry with regard to the others—and there are over 50 of them in the metal trade. How many hundreds of pounds—it may be millions—is the Government paying to swell the profits of British trusts?

This is not all the story. The Government in May this year appointed a committee, called the Iron, Steel, and Engineering Industries Committee, to investigate various matters connected with the trade. Among the questions to which they were to direct special attention was whether the trade was suffering from combinations or trusts having special regard to restrictions of price or output.

The Committee includes Mr. G. Scoby Smith, chairman, Mr. J. E. Davidson, Sir Hugh Bell, Mr. James Cox, Mr. John Hodge, Mr. James Gavin, Mr. George Muir Ritchie, Mr. Henry Summers, Mr. Benj. Talbot, Mr. John King, with Mr. U. R. Woods, of the Board of Trade, as secretary.

There is no doubt that these are practical men with a good knowledge of the trades and industries concerned. Are they men who can with propriety be asked to express an opinion on the operations of combinations or trusts? If they are, is their opinion such as ought to be acted upon in the general interest?

The hard facts must give the answer to those questions.

Sir Hugh Bell is a director of the North-Eastern Railway; Bell Bros. Limited; Dorman, Long & Co., Limited; the North Eastern Steel Company, Ltd.; the Channel Collieries Trust, Ltd.; the Horden Collieries, Ltd.; Wilsons and North-Eastern Railway Shipping Company, Ltd.; Brunner, Mond & Co., Ltd.

Mr. G. M. Ritchie is a director of the Yorkshire Iron and Coal Company, Ltd.; Palmers Hebburn Company, Ltd.; Palmers Shipbuilding and Iron Company, Ltd.; Blasenervon, Limited; Cargo Fleet Iron Company, Limited; South Durham Steel and Iron Co., Ltd.; Millom and Askam Hematite Iron Company Limited; and the Whitlehaven Colliery Company, Limited.

Mr. Benjamin Talbot is a director of the Tees-side Bridge and Engineering Works, Limited; the Cargo Fleet Iron Company, Limited; the South Durham Steel and Iron Company, Limited.

It will be seen therefore that Mr. Talbot and Mr. Ritchie sit on two boards of directors together. What of Sir Hugh Bell? Mr. Benjamin Talbot sits on one board as a co-director of Sir Hugh's colleagues in other directions, and altogether Mr. Ritchie, Sir Hugh Bell and Mr. Talbot have interests in a series of steel and iron and other companies whose total capital reaches about £34,000,000.

These facts, which of course do not call for criticism by themselves, are not such as to provide a basis of qualification for an inquiry by the gentlemen concerned into the merits or demerits of trade combinations so far as they affect the interests of the community.

But this is not the whole story in connection with the Committee. One member of it is Mr. Henry Summers, leading member of the galvanised iron combine dealt with in the Daily Chronicle of 1914.

Even now the tale is not fully told. Another member of the Committee is Mr. John King, chairman of the National Light Casting Association, whose aims and functions have been set out above.

Another Cigarette-Tin Bomb. Near dusk on September 17, a loud report as of a gunshot was heard by the people living at Lenapdo, Pootung, says the N. C. Daily News. A commotion followed and the Chinese Police made investigations. A bomb already exploded was ultimately discovered on a piece of vacant ground at Ziaokka. The case looked like a cigarette tin. Several pieces of the case were picked up by a policeman and brought to the sub-station of the Third Police (where the cost of labour is very much higher than it is here), to transport them 900 miles by

A JOURNEY ACROSS GERMANY.

Experiences of a Dane.

The following is from a letter which was received from a Danish engineer, who had to cross the north of Germany on his way home to Denmark from Bremen Ayre. The following extracts regarding the German precautions against spying, and the food problem in the enemy country will be read with interest:

"In Amsterdam we stopped two days, and here my troubles began. The German consul would not accept my passport, signed by the Danish Consul General in Amsterdam, and I had to obtain a guarantee from the Danish Minister at The Hague that I was not a spy, nor taking any political message to go into Germany, but was stopped at the frontier between Holland and Germany to be searched together with my wife and son; I must say the Germans did this very thoroughly. We were divided (?) stripped,) and they even examined the feet to see that nothing was hidden between the toes. You can imagine it took all my strength to hold my tongue. All my books and papers which I had not left behind in England were kept back, and up to the present I have heard nothing of them. We only got to Hamburg the first day, but had to stop there all night, and go on next day."

"Passing the Kiel Canal, we were kept under arrest. Before crossing the canal two soldiers came into our compartment, closed all the windows with curtains, and ordered us to sit down with hands on knees and not to move until further orders. Luckily this only lasted twenty minutes. Before crossing into Denmark we were again examined by the Customs in the same manner as before, but nothing was found, and we arrived in the old country rather skinned, and aware a solemn oath never to see Germany again. The state of affairs in Germany must be horrible; the food was not fit for dogs, awful bread, no butter, and no meat, very little fish or ham. Everywhere full of maimed or wounded soldiers, all with the Iron Cross, of which there seemed to be plenty in that country. Awful was the look of the Russian prisoners in Schleswig Holstein. I never saw a more awful sight, and do not understand how they live. Many of them had tried to run away and cross the Danish frontier, but all were shot before they reached it.

"So I am here in my old country again, where all is calm and peaceful, and the people make a lot of money. But I did not expect to find such intense hatred of Germany and everything connected with that country. Our Government does its best to calm the people, but God knows how long they will be able to." SELLING:

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

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B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

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MARINE INSURANCES.

Cantons b. £400

North Chinas b. £155

Unions n. £920

Yangtzes n. ex 75 £260

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fires b. £154

H. K. Fires b. £385

SHIPPING.

Douglases sa. x. d. £123

Steamboats b. £221

Indos (Def.) sa. £133

Indos (Pref.) b. £46

Shells b. 110/-

Ferries sa. £28

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Sugars b. £111

Malabons sa. £361

MINING.

Kilians n. 30/-

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Raubs n. £934

Tronhos n. 30/-

Urais n. 34/-

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K'lon Lands n. £38

Shai Lands n. £34

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Ewos n. t. 149

Kung Yiks b. t. 14.25

Shai Cottons b. t. 38

Yangtszeopos n. t. 34.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Borneos b. \$814

China Light & P. n. \$475

Providents b. \$9

Dairy Farms s. \$41

Green Islands s. \$10.40

H. K. Electrics b. \$33

H. K. Ice Co. n. £160

Ropes b. & ss. \$83

Trams, Low Level n. t. 7.30

Trams, Peak, old h. t. 3.60

Trams, Peak, new b. cents. 85

Laundries b. \$31

U. Waterboats n. \$17.00

Watsons b. £7.00

Wm. Powells s. \$6.90

Morning Posts b. \$29

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NOTICES.

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GENERAL BROKER.THE Undersigned has received
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FRIDAY, September 29,
1916.commencing at 2.45 p.m.
at No. 6 Victoria View, Kowloon,
A Quantity of Valuable House-
hold Furniture and Pots and
Plants.(Particulars from Catalogue).
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commencing at 2.30 p.m.
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kong Club (896 issue—\$10.00
each) was held in the Club House
on FRIDAY, September 22, 1916,
when the following Debentures
were drawn for Redemption:—13 502 860 1398 1683
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79 516 869 1491 1709
87 518 865 1495 1718
92 554 866 1505 1749
99 556 903 1514 1764
105 560 927 1515 1767
133 571 935 1523 1770
159 595 965 1535 1771
174 600 974 1536 1779
203 604 1051 1543 1781
235 613 1060 1563 1833
256 632 1080 1582 1835
271 659 1092 1602 1883
277 663 1101 1607 1931
312 711 1116 1614 1932
329 714 1156 1630 1949
361 768 1170 1639 1958
384 780 1174 1646 1963
397 802 1209 1649 1966
108 806 1282 1664 1995
472 824 1310 1665 1997
482 835 1316 1682 1999and will be available at the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration on SATURDAY, Sept.
30, 1916, in exchange for surre-
nder of same.

E DES VECUX.

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 22, 1916.

G. R.

Any European, Non-Asiatic or
Indian desiring to leave the
Colony should apply in writing
for permission to do so to the
Captain Superintendent of Police,
at least 48 hours before the in-
tended hour of departure, giving
name, nationality, age, sex,
height and occupation of the
applicant, and stating the name
of the steamer or other vessel or
the hour of the train by which
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Hongkong 9th July, 1916.

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garia and the Ottoman Empire are
suspended.Ships in communication with Cape
D'Agulha Radio Telegraph Station—EMP. OF ASIA TUKINI
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MAILS DUE.

Europe (London 27th Aug. v Siberia)—
Per ANHUI, 28th Sept.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Shanghai & N. China—Per WOSANG,
27th Sept. 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Takao &
Aiping—Per OTOWA MARU,
28th Sept. 9 a.m.Hokkew, Pakho & Haikong—Per
SUNKIANG, 28th Sept. 9 a.m.Straits & India via Calcutta—Per KUT-
SANG, 28th Sept. 11 a.m.Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAL-
TAN, 28th Sept. 1 p.m.Amoy & Phillips Is.—Per TAMUNG,
28th Sept. 3 p.m.Shanghai & N. China (Europe
via Siberia)—Per SINKIANG,
18th Sept., Registration 2.15
p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

(Shanghai C. P. O. Monday, 2nd Oct.)

FRIDAY, 29th September.

Hokkew & Haipong—Per HONGKONG,
29th Sept. 11 a.m.Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAL-
TONG, 19th Sept., 1.30 p.m.Saigon—Per TUNGSHING, 19th Sept.
5 p.m.

SAIURDAY, 30th September.

Philippine Is.—Per YUENSANG, 30th
Sept., 2 p.m.Shanghai & N. China—Per ANHUI, 30th
Sept., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 1st October.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keeling
—Per AMAKUSA MARU,
1st Oct., 8 a.m.

TUESDAY, 3rd October.

Philippines Is.—Per TEAN, 3rd Oct.,
3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 4th October.

American American
Canadian Mail.Shanghai & N. China, Japan
via Yokohama, Honshu & S.
Franco—Per ECUADOR,
4th Oct., Registration 9.15 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, 5th October.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden,
Egypt, Durban, Johannesburg,
Cape Town, & United Kingdom
—Per KITANO MARU, 5th Oct.
Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters
11 a.m.

MONDAY, 9th October.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe—
Per KAJA MARU, 9th Oct.,
9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 16th October.

Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand
& New Guinea via Thurs-
day Is.—Per EASTERN, 16th
Oct., Registration 9.15 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 17th October.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via
Moji, Victoria, B.C. &
Seattle—Per SHIZOKA
MARU, 17th Oct., Registration
10.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 19th October.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per AEI MARU,
19th Oct., 9 a.m.Philippines Is., Australia &
New Guinea via Thursday Is.—
Per NIKKO MARU, 19th
Oct., Registration 2.15 p.m.
Letters 3 p.m.

Saturday.

Sunday.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Changchow Br. ss. 1,205 Robinson, 26th
Sept.—Bangkok, 17th Sept., Rice—
B. & S.Idum, Br. ss. 6,327, Black, 26th Sept.—
Vancouver, Gea.—B. & S.Kunming, Chi. ss. 1,741, Howie, 26th
Sept.—Bangkok, 18th Sept., Rice—
Chinese.Pathein, Br. ss. 3,304, Chaplin, 26th Sept.—
Singapore, 19th Sept., Gea.—D.
& Co.Hongkew, Br. ss. 2,032, Willshire, 27th
Sept.—Singapore, Gea.—B. & S.Knight Companior, Br. ss. 4,625, Ken-
tall, 27th Sept.—Shanghai, 23rd Sept.,
Gea.—B. & S.

DEPARTED.

Sept. 25.

Penang M. for Bombay via Singapore
Human, ss. Per Courtier

"Jacob" for Deli via Swatow

Taibui M. for Dairen via Tsintau

Hsiyang for Amoy via Singapore

Sept. 26.

Tibidoba for Batavia via Banka

Ordinary for Yok-ham via Shanghai

Sept. 27.

CLEARANCES AT THE
HARBOUR OFFICE.

Sept. 28.

Novara for Yokohama via Shanghai

Porthos for Marseilles via Haiphong

Sept. 29.

Toda M. for Singapore & Calcutta

Ritard for Calcutta via Singapore

Otsuka for Shanghai

Otsuka M. for Tokio via Swatow

Sept. 30.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on the 1st Sept., 1916.CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS LEVEL

Sept. 31.

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